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-- 18. An extended release acetaminophen composition comprising a plurality of discrete particles containing acetaminophen coated on sugar/starch seeds, said particles being present as a blend of both an immediate release and a controlled release form that are blended at a weight ratio of about 1:1 to about 1:1.5, respectively, which, when contained within a gelatin capsule and assayed in a USP 23/NF 18 Apparatus I rotating basket at 50 rpm in 900 mL of phosphate buffer at pH 5.8 and 37°C, exhibits about 40 percent to about 53 percent acetaminophen dissolution at one-half hour, about 50 percent to about 68 percent dissolution at 45 minutes, about 57 percent to about 77 percent acetaminophen dissolution at one hour, about 82 percent to about 92 percent acetaminophen dissolution at two hours and about 100 percent dissolution at six hours. --

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the discussion below.

Claim 1 has been amended pursuant to the Examiner's helpful suggestion, and claim 18 has been added. Claims 1-18 are in the case and are before the Examiner.

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